

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A portable breathing apparatus comprising a face mask having a demand valve, a blower for the supply of breathing air from an external ambient source to the demand valve via a supply line, a filter device for cleaning of the breathing air from the blower, and a compressed-air reservoir for alternative supply of breathing air to the demand valve, wherein the demand valve is configured to supply pressure equal to or above an ambient pressure, a check valve is arranged on the upstream side of the blower, and the compressed-air reservoir is provided with a pressure control valve for establishing an overpressure above the ambient pressure in the entire breathing system, wherein the pressure control valve is upstream of the breathing valve and downstream of the check valve, so that gas or liquid from the surroundings cannot penetrate into the system when breathing gas is supplied from the compressed-air reservoir.
2. (Previously Presented) A breathing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the filter device comprises two filter units connected in parallel.
3. (Previously Presented) A breathing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein upstream of the demand valve, there is arranged a bellows constituting an elastic buffer volume which is filled with air from the blower when the demand valve is closed, and which gives off air if the pressure upstream of the demand valve falls below a given value.
4. (Previously Presented) A breathing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein, upstream of the demand valve, there is arranged a bellows constituting an elastic buffer volume which is filled with air from the blower when the demand valve is closed, and which gives off air if the pressure upstream of the demand valve falls below a given value.